

Conservation Security Program (CSP)
Stream Assessment Questions for Tier III

Applicant Name: _____

Farm Number: _____

Channel Conditions			Points
1. Has the stream ever been straightened, dug out, dredged or rip rapped?	If Yes-Continue	If No-Stop	10
2. Was stream altered more than 10 years ago?	If No-Continue	If Yes-Stop	7
3. How much of the stream reach has rip rap and/or raw banks?	$< 50\%$ _____ $> 50\%$ _____		3 1
Hydrologic Alteration			Points
1. Stream flows out of banks?	$>$ every 2 years _____ Every 3-5 Years _____ Every 6-10 Years _____ No flooding or stream consist of 3 or more channels (brading)		10 7 3 1
Riparian Zone			Points
1. What is the average stream width for the reach being evaluated?	_____ Feet		
2. Are there trees and/or shrubs along both sides of the stream? (If applicant controls only one side of stream evaluate only that side of stream)	If Yes-Continue	If No-Stop	0
3. How wide does the band of trees, shrubs and forbs extend out from top of stream bank? (On both sides)	> 2 time stream width _____ 1-2 times stream width _____ Covers total flood plain _____ $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 of stream width _____ 1/3-1/2 of stream width _____ $< 1/3$ of stream width _____		10 8 8 5 3 1
Bank Stability			Points
1. Is less than 33% of stream bank eroding and erosion is on <u>outside</u> bends?	If Yes		10
2. Is less than 33% of stream bank is eroding?	If Yes		7
3. Is bank failure $< 33\%$ of stream bank and some mature trees falling into the stream annually?	If Yes		3
4. Is bank failure $> 33\%$ of stream bank with numerous mature trees falling into the stream annually?	If Yes		1

Barriers to Fish Movement		Points
1. Dams, culverts, or stream crossing to prevent movement of fish or other aquatic animals are absent?	If Yes _____ If No-Continue _____	10 0
2. Vertical height of barrier?	< 1 foot of drop _____ > 1 foot of drop _____	5 1
Scoring (Minimum of 31 points is necessary to qualify for CSP)		Points
Channel Condition		_____
Hydrologic Alteration		_____
Riparian Zone		_____
Bank Stability		_____
Barriers to Fish Movement		_____
TOTAL POINTS		_____

NOTE: I certify all above information is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all information is subject to spot check and verification.

Applicant Signature

Date

Reviewed and accepted by NRCS. (Copy to be maintained in case file as a record of the CSP verification interview.)

NRCS Signature

Date